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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Two speeches were made in the Senate on the Cuban bill, one in opposition by a Republican and one for it by a Democrat; Tillman introduced a resolution of inquiry as to recess appointments made by the President. —— The Japanese diet has been dissolved. —— The four companies of U. S. artillery at Havana and Santiago, Cuba, are to be returned to the United States within fifteen days; one company will be sent to Fort Caswell, N. C. —— Rumor has reached Panama that Colombian troops had landed with a view to marching overland to the isthmus. —— An imperial grant in aid of cotton growing in British West Africa is proposed. —— A movement is on foot to make New Bedford the distributing point for cotton used by New England mills. —— U. S. Consul Gudger says that the Colombian expedition to Panama has been abandoned. —— Albert Toomson shot Albert Deerman in a gaming room at Spartanburg, S. C. —— An aged woman found murdered in her home in Washington, D. C. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 5@6 per cent; cotton quiet at 12.40c; flour firmer and more active; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 90½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 53c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 41½c; rosin firm, strained common to good $2.55; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 11.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 30 degrees: 8 P. M., 39 degrees: maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .99.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 3.1 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—For North Carolina: Fair Saturday; Sunday cloudy; probably rain, east winds slowly increasing.

Port Almanac—December 12.

Sun Rises	7.01 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport.	3.24 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	4.54 P. M.

Roosevelt's "open door of hope" continues to blow a cold draught on the contantly turned backs of the Charleston people.

Whenever a fellow damages his sphere of usefulness, he ought to let his job know it so it can make other arrangements.

An exchange says "Japan continues in a high state of tension." We hope it will stay up there, for should it come down, the Russian bear might have Japanese meat on his Manchurian toast.

We see allusion made every now and then to "the President's advisers." He either doesn't take their advice or he ought to stand on his rights to kick against the quality they hand out to him.

There is one cotton mill in North Carolina that is not standing back on account of the high price of cotton. The mill at Lumberton is going ahead with its plan to enlarge the plant, and while other mills are talking about shutting down, Mr. H. B. Jennings went to Pittsburg to purchase new machinery.

If Roosevelt and Secretary Payne can squash the jiblets out of a few of the small fry grafters, it will serve to awfully scare the big fellows who must be quaking in their boots. It is said, however, that the Postoffice Department villainy is not to be probed too deep for fear that the auger will reach big game.

The Norfolk *Virginian Pilot* and other Southern papers are discussing woman's rights. This scribe hasn't telephoned home to ascertain if it is permissible for him to make a few scattering remarks on the question, but we will venture to say, with becoming temerity, that whatever the women consider as their rights, they most in general have their way about it.

The Boston *Globe* states that a plan under which the representation of the Southern States in the national Republican convention would be decreased and that from the North added to, is proposed by Gen. Charles R. Drayton, member of the national Republican committee from Rhode Island and the party leader in that State. The negro's supposed friends would thus rob him of the only chance he has got in politics.

... Suffolk, Va., on Tuesday, ... Bland, aged 79 years, was shot ... his wife, aged 38 years. They ... been separated since August ... the old man went back for a reconciliation, but his wife had tired of him. She had managed before hand, however, to get the deed for ... home place made out in her ... name. December and May never ... got along very well together.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The wreck on the Coast Line beyond Navassa was cleared by 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

— On and after next Monday the suburban car now leaving Ocean View at 5 P. M. will leave at 4:45 P. M. instead.

— Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach at Pearsall's school house, East Wilmington, Sabbath afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

— Proposals are wanted for furnishing supplies for the James Walker Memorial Hospital for the ensuing year. See advertisement.

— Frank Hawkins, colored, of Cape Fear township, will be given a hearing on a peace warrant in Justice Bornemann's court at 2 P. M. to-day.

— A handsome awning, bearing an attractive advertisement of the firm, was placed in front of the popular establishment of the A. David Co. yesterday.

— The Health Department yesterday lifted a quarantine for scarlet fever at 419 Queen street, and another of forty days' duration for diphtheria in Price's alley.

— The marriage of Prof. Angus Cromartie, county superintendent of public instruction of Bladen county, to Miss Anna Belle Black, of Ivanhoe, has been announced.

— By reference to a telegraphic dispatch elsewhere in to-day's paper, it will be seen that another company of artillery from Cuba will soon be sent to Fort Caswell.

— Judge Brown has made known his decision in the Holly Shelter railroad case. He issued an order to dissolve the injunction, and the defendant is now permitted to proceed with the railroad.

— Mr. Keith having failed to prosecute him, Plummer Johnson, the negro found asleep in the office of the B. F. Keith Company before day Thursday morning, was released by the police yesterday.

— The Western Union messenger boys in Durham struck this week upon a 25 per cent. reduction of their wages. They refused to return to work, and after being out two days went back at the higher scale.

— A correspondent of the Pender *Chronicle* strongly advocates the building of a bridge over Northeast river at Castle Haynes, instead of the establishment of a free ferry as proposed by the commissioners of New Hanover and Pender counties.

— Friends in this city will regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Miss Lillian Stroud, of Florence, S. C., which occurred yesterday morning. She was a first cousin of Mr. J. D. Edwards, of Wilmington, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwards last Summer.

— The STAR has with the compliments of W. M. Carney & Co., Atmore, Ala., manufacturers of long leaf yellow pine, a handsome calendar for the New Year. Mr. W. M. Carney is a native Carolinian, who has achieved wealth and distinction in his adopted home.

— The truckers around Newbern say that the cold weather has almost destroyed the cabbage plants. All the earlier ones that had been transplanted have been killed by the heavy frosts before they were well rooted, and the late ones were killed in the beds. Some farmers have lost practically every plant.

GRACE'S NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. N. M. Watson Came Yesterday Evening—Presiding Elder Cole Leaves.

Rev. N. M. Watson, of Chapel Hill, the new pastor of Grace Methodist church, arrived in the city last night and is a guest at the home of Mr. W. B. Cooper until the arrival in about a week of Mrs. Watson when they will occupy the parsonage at northwest corner of Second and Walnut streets. Rev. Mr. Watson is among the very first young men of the North Carolina Conference and will receive a warm welcome to Wilmington where he already has a number of friends. Mrs. Watson is a sister of the first wife of Presiding Elder R. B. John. Mr. Watson will preach his initial sermons to his congregation at the usual hours to-morrow.

Rev. J. N. Cole, the retiring pastor of Grace church, will leave this afternoon for Maxton, N. C., to hold his first quarterly meeting as presiding elder of the Rockingham district. Mrs. Cole will accompany him to Maxton and other members of the family will join them next week at their new home in Rockingham.

The Loughlins Won.

In a rather indifferent game last night at the Y. M. C. A. the Loughlin basket ball team won over the Little's in a score of 19 to 3, thereby taking the championship of the league for the first half of the season. Only a fair crowd was present. The playing of Joe Franks and Jobe were the features. Mr. Dushan was umpire and Mr. Wilbon Davis time-keeper.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—Proposals invited.
J. M. Solky & Co.—One price.
Platt & Haar—Christmas sale.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Xmas books.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—For little folks
Wilmington Grocery Co—This week
Academy of Music—Mildred & Rouclere Co.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Hand purse.
Gas—Cook with it.
J. C. Jones—Notice.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Schedule chang

PENDER ODD FELLOWS

Team From Wilmington Instituted New Lodge at Burgaw Thursday Night.

TWENTY IN THE PARTY.

Installation by Special Deputy Grand Master LeGwin — Sumptuous Supper Served in Honor of Visitors—Officers and Members No 243.

Special Deputy Grand Master David K. LeGwin, of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, and some seventy or more Odd Fellows, of this city, including a fine degree team, returned yesterday morning from Burgaw, where on Thursday night they instituted Burgaw Lodge No. 243, I. O. O. F. with a full complement of officers and a membership of 34, among them some of the most representative people of Pender county.

Special Deputy LeGwin and members of the degree team went up Thursday night at 7 o'clock via the Atlantic Coast Line and were most hospitably received by the embryo brethren of Burgaw. The visitors were escorted to the large Masonic hall, near the depot, and at 8:30 o'clock the installation of the lodge commenced. The following besides the instituting officer were present from Wilmington, most of them taking part in the team work:

Past Grand Master M. W. Jacobi, Past Grands W. L. Smith, J. A. Orrell, B. F. King, J. T. King, R. J. Shepard, W. G. T. Keen, J. N. Jacobi, Rev. E. R. Welch and Messrs. J. H. LeGwin, S. J. Ellis, W. B. Muse, W. R. Dosher, E. C. Yarborough, W. F. LeGwin, M. C. Rayner, Caldwell Thalley, W. W. Hodges and C. E. Bender.

The work of instituting the new lodge continued until nearly 3 o'clock in the morning, and shortly before that hour a sumptuous feast of good things was served in honor of the visitors. Brief remarks were made by Past Grand Master Jacobi, Messrs. W. L. Smith, J. A. Orrell, D. K. LeGwin, Rev. M. C. Walton and Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., it having been largely through the instrumentality of the last named gentleman that the new lodge was formed. The officers and members of "Burgaw No. 243" are as follows:

N. G.—Rev. M. C. Walton.
V. G.—J. G. Blake.
Secretary—A. H. Paddison.
Treasurer—R. T. Murray.
R. S. to N. G.—A. B. Croom, Jr.
L. S. to N. G.—S. G. Blake.
R. S. to V. G.—W. M. Hand.
L. S. to V. G.—C. F. Mallard.
Warden—R. B. Hand.
Conductor—J. A. Rowe.
I. G.—G. W. Horsey.
O. G.—Alva Cowan.
R. S. S.—A. T. Brown.
L. S. S.—E. L. Larkins.
Chaplain—Rev. T. D. Johnston.
Members—H. Dunie, O.P. Johnson, M. I. Bordeaux, F. T. Croom, C. M. Futch, A. B. Croom, Sr., W. D. Croom, Dr. W. H. Crowell, J. A. Blanchard, T. F. Johnston, W. T. Bordeaux, J. K. Brown, W. O. Pope, A. S. Bowden, A. T. Brown, W. D. Moore, H. A. Bowden, Robt. Armstrong, Wm. J. Murray and G. P. Jordan.

WRECK CUTS COTTON SUPPLY.

Receipts Light—Monthly and Crop Year Statements of Naval Stores.

Cotton receipts yesterday were the lightest of any day since early in the season, the falling off having been due to the wreck and consequent blockading of the W., C. & A. tracks beyond Navassa, over which road the bulk of cotton is shipped to Wilmington. The number of bales was only 907, of which only 134 bales were from the South. Last year, same day, 1,290 bales were received. The market was steady at 12c. for middling. The naval stores market remained unchanged.

The receipts of cotton during the past week were 18,339 bales against 17,244 same week last year. Crop year receipts to date, 257,355 bales against 241,364 during the same period last season.

The naval store receipts for the week showed a marked falling off in every thing except tar and crude. In the latter item there was a slight increase. Weekly and crop year statements yesterday showed receipts of naval stores as follows: Spirits, 249, rosin 1,811, tar 1,729, crude 680. Last year: Spirits 496, rosin, 4,504, tar 1,814, crude 637. Crop year: Spirits 13,839, rosin 50,987, tar 23,133, crude 21,161. Last year: Spirits 15,696, rosin 71,479, tar, 32,992, crude 19,918.

A BUDWEISER AGENCY.

Southern Distilling Company Will Handle the Celebrated Beverage Here.

The Southern Distilling Company, of Cincinnati, has secured the agency in Wilmington for the celebrated Budeweiser beer, and all orders in the future from this territory will have to come through the agency here. Mr. Julius Hahn, the company's representative here, will give the business his personal attention and all orders will be promptly shipped.

Next Spring the company expects to establish a depot here and at that time all deliveries will be from the local plant.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday Anderson Stroud transferred to Charles Patterson and wife for $35, lot on West side of Twelfth, 100 feet north of Dawson street, 33x165 feet in size, and Charles Evans transferred to Marsden Bellamy, Jr., for $500, house and lot on west side of Dickinson, 132 feet north of Gwynn street, 33x165 feet in size.

BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL LEE.

Arrangements for its Annual Celebration Here—Meeting of Cape Fear Camp, U. C. V., Last Night.

During the proceedings of last night's regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 354, U. C. V., Commander Woodward suggested the near approach of the anniversary of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee on January 19th, and as usual the Camp decided to co-operate most heartily with the Daughters of the Confederacy in any arrangements they may desire for a proper celebration of that day. The celebration was discussed at some length and upon motion Commander Woodward appointed Comrades T. D. Meares, R. M. McIntyre and T. O. Bunting to confer with the Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Veterans and assist them in any way possible. The committee was given full power to act.

The Camp met at the W. L. I. armory as usual, Commander Woodward presiding, Adjutant A. L. DeRosset at his post and a goodly number of members in attendance. The usual routine business having been dispensed with, the application of James E. Kelly, duly approved by the committee on membership, was read, a ballot taken and the result having been favorable, he was unanimously declared a member of the Camp. In endorsing the application for membership of Mr. Kelly, the late Gen. T. F. Toon wrote: "This man deserves more honor than is accorded to the private Confederate soldier, for undaunted bravery and faithful service in the Confederate cause. I refer to Regimental Histories, Vol. 2., Twentieth Regiment."

The Commander reported having visited all the sick which had come to his knowledge, including Lieutenant Commander Henry Savage, Treasurer O. M. Fillyaw and Comrade Williams Blanks, who were reported as doing fairly well. In the case of an old veteran, ill and in distress, though not a member of the camp, Dr. W. D. McMillan, the surgeon of the camp, was requested to visit him and the camp resolved that it would not see him neglected.

In reference to a North Carolina memorial window in the old Blandford church on a battlefield near Petersburg, Va., it was ordered that the Commander be requested to refer the matter to Division Headquarters with the suggestion that it be made a State enterprise and with the information that Cape Fear Camp would respond to any call for its proportion of the expense.

A communication was read from the Daughters of the Confederacy, calling attention to the neglected condition of the graves of certain Confederate soldiers at or near Scott's Hill and upon motion of Comrade T. D. Meares, the matter was referred to Commander Moore, of Camp Pender at Burgaw.

In connection with the Lee birthday celebration, Comrade Stephen Jewett presented to the camp in behalf of the Carpenter Grocery all the coffee needed for the lunch usually served to the Confederate soldiers upon that occasion.

DIED FROM ESCAPING GAS.

Former Resident of Wilmington Victim of Asphyxiation in Richmond, Va.

The Richmond papers of yesterday contain a lengthy account of the death from asphyxiation in his room at the Seaboard cafe in that city, of Mr. John L. Breckenridge, a well known hardware man who was a native of this city and is well remembered here.

Wednesday afternoon the porter went to Mr. Breckenridge's room to clean it and found the door locked on the inside. After vainly trying to arouse its inmate the porter climbed out of a window to the roof and reached Mr. Breckenridge's room. Raising the window, he saw, as he thought, its occupant asleep on the floor with his clothes on. When the porter, however took hold of Mr. Breckenridge and tried to awaken him, he saw that he was dead. The gas was fully turned on and the room was filled with it. Judging from the position of the body, Mr. Breckenridge turned on the gas before he could find a match. The coroner after investigating the case, said that death resulted from Mr. Breckenridge's inhaling illuminating gas and that his end was due to an accident in lighting the gas.

Undertaker Bliley shipped the body Thursday morning to Mr. Robt. Minor, a son-in-law of Mr. Breckenridge, who lives in Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Breckenridge was about 50 years old and leaves three children, Mr. Milton Breckenridge of this city, an employe of the Murchison National Bank; Mr. J. J. Breckenridge, of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Minor, of Raleigh. He also leaves a sorrowing wife to mourn her loss.

Recently he has been connected with Baldwin & Brown, of Richmond. Some years ago Mr. Breckenridge was engaged in the hardware business here for himself and later formed a copartnership with Mr. R. H. Beery under the name of Breckenridge & Beery.

Prominent Young Diving Coming.

Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, of Reidsville, one of the prominent young divines of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, will arrive from the Baptist State Convention at Charlotte this afternoon and will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church, of this city, to-morrow morning at 11:30 o'clock and to-morrow evening at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Greaves while in the city will be the guest of Mr. J. W. Alderman, 611 Grace street.

TELEPHONE MERGER.

"Community of Interest" Said to be After the Bell and Inter-State Companies.

WELL DEFINED RUMORS.

Practical Division of "Hello Business" in the State Said to be on Tapis—Wilmington Will Go to the Stronger Company—At Durham.

That is an interesting and not altogether unexpected rumor which comes from Durham relative to a deal between the Inter-State and Southern Bell telephone companies, both of which have exchanges in Wilmington and in other of the larger cities of North Carolina, and which is to the effect that an amicable agreement has been reached between the officials of the two corporations according to the terms of which there will be a practical division of the "hello business" in the State. Both companies for some time past had been indulging in cut-throat competition at several points in North Carolina, but recently evidences of more friendly relations have found their way to the surface and in Durham it has lately become an open secret that a big deal is on between the two. Just what it is, officials of the company refuse to say, but a division of the territorry is strongly hinted and the rumor has been all butauthorized. Developments are expected, however, by Jan. 1st.

Mr. W. W. Shaw, general manager of the Inter-State Company, was seen at headquarters in Durham this week and he refused to deny or confirm the rumors. It is said that by the agreement the Inter-State people get control of the Durham field, that the Bell will get Raleigh or some other good telephone town and that there is to be a division in all parts of the State, Wilmington falling to the lot of the Bell people.

While the above is mostly conjecture, still there is something in the report. Sometime ago—two months or more—the Bell company stopped all of its workmen in Durham, leaving a partially reconstructed exchange. Since then the solicitors for the Bell Company have all quit work and ask for only such business as comes its way. In Wilmington a short time ago is was announced that the Inter-State people would reconstruct their exchange here and put their wires underground at the earliest possible moment, but the absence of any active steps in that direction and the half-hearted way in which the Chamber of Commerce agreement for a long-term service with the Bell Company was fought by the Inter-State people, lends high color to the rumors which have now come. Assistant General Manager Crews, of the Bell Company, who was here during the Chamber of Commerce fight, also let certain little things "drop" which with one's ear to the ground can now be heard to echo significantly and all things considered it looks very much like an abandonment of the Wilmington field to the Southern Bell. Speaking of conditions in Durham, the home of the Inter-State, the *Herald* of that city said yesterday:

"It is learned from what is considered good authority that the Bell exchange will close either early in next month or early in February. That does not mean that the exchange will close entirely, but it will close as an exchange for subscribers. From then on it will be used as a toll exchange and for long distance service.

"Just what is the nature of the deal cannot be learned at this time. One thing is certain—the Durham subscribers will be accommodated over the Interstate system and the Bell will have charge of the long distant business. Just whether the Interstate has bought the Bell out of this field, or whether, as mentioned in the *Herald* of yesterday, that there has been a division of territory throughout the State, cannot be learned for certain at this time."

COMING ALL NEXT WEEK.

Harris-Parkerson Company Gave Great Satisfaction in Raleigh—Seat Sale.

For an entire week beginning Monday night the offering at the Academy will be the well known Harris-Parkerson Company in a repertoire of high class plays. The company is in Raleigh this week and is receiving nothing but the most favorable criticisms from the press of that city. The opening bill here will be "Slaves of the Orient," which was seen in Raleigh by a standing-room-only house, the *News and Observer* having said of the production:

"The play itself was a mixture of comedy and melodrama, which kept the audience in a thoroughly enjoyable frame of mind. The costumes were fitting the play as was the scenery, while the specialties were happy diversions."

The advance sale of seats for Monday night's performance commences at Plummer's this morning.

Will Comply With Order.

It was announced from Atlantic Coast Line headquarters here yesterday that the recent order of the Corporation Commission relative to connection at Selma would be complied with and that the day schedule will go into effect on Dec. 20th.

Young Men, Go West.

This was the advice given Platt & Haar when they were about to go in business for themselves; but they didn't go, and you'll find them to-day at 114 Market street, with a stock of Dry Goods and Notions, second to none except in quantity. Read their ad. in to-day's issue and give them a share of your Christmas trade.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. C. F. Harvey, of Kinston, was here yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Watson, of Hasty, N. C., was here yesterday.

— Mr. Jeff D. Sessoms arrived last night and is at The Orton.

— Miss Annie Graham, of Hillsboro, who has been visiting Miss Mary Meares, left for home yesterday.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: "Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Raiford left this afternoon for Wilmington, where they go to again visit Mrs. Raiford's brother, Mr J. W. Smith, who has been quite sick."

— Mr. W. H. Bagley, the capable and clever young business manager of the "old reliable" *News and Observer* went to Goldsboro last night after a business trip of a couple of days in the city.

BUCK UP TO OLD TRI-KS.

Celebrated Register Case Comes Up in the Supreme Court Next Week.

J. B. Schulken, Esq., of the firm of Messrs. Schulken & Lewis, Whiteville, attorneys for the prosecution in the celebrated Register case in Columbus county, was here yesterday and left last evening for Raleigh, where he goes to be in readiness for the argument in the case before the Supreme Court next week. It will be recalled that both the Registers are confined in the State penitentiary awaiting a final decision in their case, and that the elder is sentenced to life imprisonment, and that Jabel, his son, is sentenced to hang.

Mr. Schulken has gone to Raleigh rather early to investigate a report that Buck Register has busied himself in the penitentiary securing affidavits to the effect that Cross Edmondson, upon whose testimony largely the two were convicted, had since told certain parties that he had perjured himself at the trial in Whiteville and that the Registers had nothing to do with the horrible murder of which they stand charged. It is said that the affidavits secured in the penitentiary by old man Register will be used before the Supreme Court.

L'ARIOSO GERMAN CLUB.

Invitations to Series of Delightful Dances to be Given During the Winter.

Handsomely engraved invitations were mailed yesterday as follows:

"L'Arioso German Club requests the honor of your presence at the series of germans to be given on the second Wednesday of each month, Wilmington, North Carolina, Season 1903-1904.

"Patronesses—Mrs. George W. Kidder, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Mrs. D. H. Lippitt, Mrs. A. C. Kenly, Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. H. C. McQueen, Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Mrs. T. M. Emerson, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mrs. J. W. Carmichael.

"Governing Committee—D. H. Lippitt, president; Harold M. Chase, vice president; Robert N. Nash, secretary and treasurer; Champion McD. Davis, Jas. M. Stevenson, Robert G. Rankin, Jr., Thos. H. Wright, Clayton Giles, Jr., leader."

RUTH, THE AUTHOR, BACK.

Thanks Newspapers for Free Advertising and Uncle Sam for Seal of Approval.

T. L. Ruth, the author of "My Own Life as an Outcast Husband," who was recently cast into prison at Raleigh upon a charge of selling obscene literature, arrived in the city yesterday and called at the STAR office to say that he had received many congratulations since his return here and that he desired to thank all the newspapers for the free advertising they had given him. He also wanted to thank Uncle Sam for the seal of his approval on his work and to say that he is still on deck with a full supply of the volumes. He also wants to thank the W. C. T. U. of Raleigh, for what it did for him while he was in prison in the Capitol City.

THE CAPE FEAR DISASTER.

No Developments Yesterday in Wholesale Drowning Late Wednesday Night.

There were no developments yesterday in the case of the fearful drowning of the five men aboard the schooner "Clarence H," when it capsized off the mouth of the Cape Fear river late Wednesday night. The name of the cook on the schooner was Hewett and not Robinson, as stated in yesterday's paper. Young Robinson had left the service of the vessel only a day or two before.

Messrs. R. V. Leonard, J. W. Brooks and T. L. Vines went down to the wreck yesterday on the steamer "Franklin Pearce," but Mr. Leonard telephoned late in the afternoon that there was nothing new and that none of the other bodies had been recovered. The body of Capt. William Lewis was sent to his home for burial.

Mildred and Rouclere Company.

Another well pleased audience saw the Mildred and Rouclere company of entertainers at the theatre last night. There was a change of specialties all along the line and several of the features of the production were worth alone the price of admission. This afternoon a special matinee for the ladies and children will be given and to-night the engagement will close. It has been highly successful from an artistic standpoint.

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50 Dozen Trefousse Kid Gloves $1.00 per pair.
200 Dozen Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
10 Dozen Lace Collars, 75 cents to $5.00.
35 Pieces Fur, reasonable.
10 Dozen Dolls, 25 cents to $3.50.
30 Dozen Umbrellas, $1.00 to $8.00.
45 Dozen Gent's Ties, Hose, Collars and Cuffs.
15 Dozen Pictures, 25c up.
Also Picture Frames, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Muff Sets for Children, Purses and Bags, Leather and Silk Belts, &c., &c.
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ANOTHER FRUIT VESSEL HERE.

Mabel Darling Arrived Yesterday from West Indies—Cargo of Oranges.

The British schooner "Mabel Darling," Capt. G. H. Sweeting, which annually visits this port with a cargo of fruit from the British West Indies, arrived yesterday from Harbor Island with 150,000 oranges, six bushels of tomatoes, 200 cocoanuts, 300 conch shells and three barrels of sea coral, consigned by Capt. Robert Ranger, owner of the vessel, to J. A. Springer & Co. The vessel is tied up at the Custom House wharf and Capt. Ranger, who is aboard, will probably sell the cargo at wholesale. After discharging she will receive cargo of shingles from Messrs. Springer & Co.

The annual coming of the fruit vessel always marks an important epoch in the life of the average small boy and the deck of the "Mabel Darling" is alive with Young Americas armed with improvised dip nets which never fail to go over into the water after the specked fruit as it is cast overboard by the sailors unloading the vessel.

ROBERT RUARK, ESQ., RETURNS.

Will Locate at Lexington, N. C., for Practice of His Profession.

(*Special to Charlotte Observer.*)

LEXINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mr. Robert Ruark, of New York city, will move here about the 1st of January and enter into partnership with J. R. McCrary, Esq., in the practice of law at this place. Mr. Ruark has been an attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company at New York for the past year, and resigns a lucrative position in order to come back to his native State. He is a native of Brunswick county, a graduate of the State University and, prior to his going North, was a law partner of Iredell Meares, Esq., of Wilmington.

— A bricklayer who wants work can get it by calling at the STAR office this forenoon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Proposals Invited.

Proposals will be received until noon, Dec. 19th for furnishing the James Walker Memorial Hospital during the ensuing year with groceries, meats, milk, bread, fuel, ice and drugs. Blank form of proposals may be received from D. C. Love at office of C. W. Yates & Co. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 12.

FREE SPEECH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referring to those papers that criticise Bassett, the Siler City *Enterprise* says:

"These same people did all in their power to cripple the University whilst under the management of the Rev. Dr. Pool."

What was the result? Dr. Pool had to go. History will repeat itself.—*Raleigh News and Observer.*

The Josephus Daniels that the Trinity students hung in effigy was just a dummy, but the "live number" by that name, as evidenced above, is still doing business at the old stand in Raleigh. If you will please pardon us for taking this opportunity to refer to ancient history, we will say that the intolerance and zeal of the Bassett friends have "done and gone and done it." They have kept it up until editor Daniels has laid them out with a precedent.

By the way, we will go on to say that many Northern papers consider that the action of the Trinity College trustees in refusing to accept Dr. Bassett's resignation, is evidence of the recognition of free speech in North Carolina. Judging from the way the Carolina press jumps on magazine writers like Prof. Bassett, prods judges for their acts on the bench and digs generally into what they consider is censurable, free speech in North Carolina has no shackles on it.

Free speech is all right when the speech is judicious and the speaker is prudent. Criticism of what another writes or says, even if it is somewhat peppery, is no interference with "free speech."

NO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

Roosevelt refused to send troops to Colorado to put down the thousands of riotous striking miners. The Governor was awfully put out, but he ought to consider himself lucky that Roosevelt hadn't "landed troops" in Colorado to aid the sesesh tactics of the pick handlers. Wherever a great many voters are gathered together, like unto the miners, a politician is found to be in their midst with all four feet.

The Colorado Governor may have riots and anarchy to struggle with, but Roosevelt has troubles of his own just now. On the eve of a campaign it is not supposed that he is going to mix up the miners with his troubles.

When Roosevelt took that Western tour he told the yokels out there how to make good citizens, and he is going to let it go at that. He believes in no foreign interference.

RUMBLINGS FROM OHIO.

The Ohio Republican Congressmen are mad because Roosevelt has seen fit to consult Lieutenant Governor Morgan, of the Buckeye State, about the real Hanna sentiment in Ohio. They think they ought to be the ones to hand out the hot air as to such matters. Teddy is tired of running on a cold trail and it's natural for him to occasionally hold his ear to the ground to hear what rumblings are coming from Ohio.

Evidently Roosevelt is not going to rely altogether on that oath of allegiance that Senator Hanna takes every time he goes to the White House. We might say that the Rough Rider is getting somewhat long-headed enough to bump it against the fact that sometimes, if not almost, "appearances are deceiving."

WAITING AND WATCHING.

Gentlemen of the Republican party, give us time for the selection of the Democratic candidate for president. You are crowding us with such big matters right now that we must have time for consideration. We'll be with you, however, by the time the newspapers decide whether Roosevelt or Hanna is to be your standard bearer.

As for the Democratic party, we assume to say that we are taking our time. Congress may do something to give us a few issues, and when such a momentous event as the Panama matter can happen without anybody's knowing that anything was going on, it is hard to tell just what kind of issues are to come stalking up between now and nominating time.

We see his finish now. Before Gen. Reyes lays his protest or proposition before Secretary Hay concerning the Panama canal, it is said he will employ some eminent American counsel. More Colombian gold to to go down the crack in the hearth.

— Little 'Rastus—Mammy, Mistah Swellman done say he laik to hab dat dress shirt ob his'n dis evenin'. Mrs. Johnson (the washlady)—Yo' go tell him he kaint hab it twell termorrah. Doan' yo' know yo' Daddy's done gwine to de Afro-Merican ball dis evenin'?

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IN THE WRONG PEW.

Quoth the Raleigh *News and Observer*:

"The Washington *Star* does not accept Mr. Cleveland's letter as final. Why not take him at his word and eliminate past discussion and discord?"

Brother Daniels, you have gone up into the wrong pew with that little prayer for harmony. The Washington stella journal twinkles in a Republican firmament and lets its light so shine as not to "eliminate past discussion and discord" in the Democratic party.

Don't ask any favors of the Washington *Star*, whereupon, granting which, it might ask that we Democratic promoters take our goads out of the Roosevelt-Hanna flanks.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Kentucky editor who claims to be a Roosevelt Democrat is probably also a boozing teetotaler. —*Newport News Times-Herald.*

—— Having cleared $5,000,000 by the recent advance in cotton, the bull pool is clearly in a position to appreciate the blessings of agricultural prosperity.—*Jacksonville(Fla.) Times-Union.*

—— In the days of the British Commonwealth the Cavaliers of Virginia—there was no South Carolina then—used to drink the historic toast, "God send this Crumb-well down!" Some of the South Carolinians seem inclined to repeat it at this time. But this particular Crum does not seem to go down, for all their objurgations.—*New York Tribune.*

—— Very likely the Dowie prospectuses would not have induced persons to invest had they not been backed up by his pretensions to be Elijah the Restorer. The holy zeal which he inspired in his followers made them ready and anxious to commit their money to his keeping. In marketing Steel common Mr. Morgan depended on no superstition of the vulgar sort. He did not pose as a second Isaiah. But he did appear in the guise of a prophet of finance, and he used the prestige of a great business name just as Dowie employed his standing as the third Elijah.—*Kansas City Star.*

TWINKLINGS

— Wagner: "The judge gave that man ninety days for stealing a kiss."

Jagner: "The deuce he did? How did he take the sentence?"

"He seemed dazed."

— Ethel (aged 6)—O, gracious! She's just a horrid person. She's forever wishing she was a boy. Minnie (also 6)—Well, I'm sure I wish I was, too. Ethel—Of course, but she wishes it out loud so the boy can hear her.

— "That nephew of yours is a promising-looking young fellow. What does he run to mostly—money or brains?" "He has brains enough to run money. He's making a dead set at old Bullion's daughter."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "You used to sing 'Every Morn I Send You Violets,' before we were married," said Mrs. Brimkin, with a sigh. "Yes," answered Mr. Brimkin, "but my devotion has taken a more practical form. Every month I pay the meat bill."—*Chicago Journal.*

— Mrs. Buxom—That hateful Mrs. Knox made a very mean comment upon my age to-day. Mr. Buxom—Did she say you were getting old? Mrs. Buxom—No, indeed; she said I "still looked quite young."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— A patient in a hospital had to be fed on a daily diet of eggs and port wine. His physician asked him how he liked it. "It would be all right, doctor," he said, "if the eggs were as new as the port and the port as old as the eggs!"—*St. Louis Lumberman.*

— "Christmas comes but once a year," galy warbled the floor-walker. "That reminds me, Jim," said the Superintendent of Supplies, butting in cheerfully, "we'd better be dusting up that stock of cigars for the bargain counter."—*Baltimore News.*

— "Have you decided upon a name for that new suburb of yours?" "Yes. I am going to call it Lookout." "I can't see anything striking or original about that." "You can't? Think how everybody in the train will run to the windows when the brakeman calls out the name of the station.—*Chicago Tribune.*

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Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Gen. John B. Gordon will lecture at Goldsboro to-night.

— Winston *Sentinel*: We question the good taste of the Charlotte preacher who utilized the occasion of a memorial service to censure the Elks.

— Wilson *Times*: Congressman E. W. Pou addresses the Baltimore North Carolina Society next week on "The Progress of North Carolina."

— Congressman Klutz has introduced a bill providing for the erection of a public building at Salisbury, the site and building to cost not more than twenty-five thousand dollars.

— The H. E. Newbury Co., of Magnolia, the pioneer bulb and flower growers, will make a large exhibition of their different kinds of plants and bulbs at the St. Louis exposition.

— Newbern *Journal*, Dec. 9th: The tug "Columbia" left yesterday with four barges, "Uranus," "Saturn," "Mercury" and "Atlas," loaded with lumber for Philadelphia.

— At Durham on Wednesday night Frank Howard, a painter, attempted suicide because he feared he would be sent to the roads to work out a small bill of costs. He drank almost two ounces of laudanum.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Col. Al Fairbrother says let Miss Alice Roosevelt ride as she pleases. So say we, but do teach the girl that Venus herself would look neither graceful nor beautiful sitting on a horse like a forked radish of a man.

— The Greensboro *Telegram* states that the Carnegie library there is assured. The board of aldermen has agreed in appropriating annually $3,000 for maintaining the library on Mr. Carnegie's proposition to donate $30,000 to build it.

— Bunn Capps, a farmer, who on Wednesday was found unconscious in a ditch on the road roadside between Goldsboro and his home in Johnston county, never regained consciousness, but died without being able to tell anything about the tragedy. It is supposed that he was assaulted and robbed. He had been to Goldsboro to sell cotton.

— Lumberton *Arqus*: The Raleigh *Post* gives an interview with Mr. A. T. McCallum, in which Mr. McCallum declares there was never a time in which farmers were so favored and that there is practically nothing to prevent their getting rich. Mr. McCallum was holding his cotton for 12½ cents and has since, we presume, had the chance of selling his whole crop for that price.

— Winston *Sentinel*: We see it stated that a negro clerk in the census office at Washington has been suspended for writing a love letter to a young white woman in the same division. He asked to be permitted to present her with a gold chain and brooch. Now the question is, if that negro clerk appeals to the President, will he be reinstated? Does Mr. Roosevelt endorse the action of Director North?

— Wilson *Times*: As provided by law the dispensary commissioners have met and arranged its management. Mr. W. A. Stott will assist Mr. J. B. Farmer, manager, and Mr. Sunny Lester, clerk, in making sales. The board has bought about $10,000 worth of liquor, which which whiskey drummers say will not last over a month, as the dispensary should sell $120,000 of the ardent within a year. If this much is sold it is safe to say the net profits will not fall below $30,000 each year.

— Goldsboro *Arqus*: The Anti-Saloon League is now making active preparations to help enforce the prohibition law when it goes into effect on the first of January. Their work was not completed when they secured the enactment of the law. They will be active in assisting the authorities in its enforcement and in bringing to justice all violators of the law, which means that Goldsboro is to have prohibition.

— Asheville *Citizen*: The cotton seed oil industry has greatly injured the raising of the staple by consuming the first and best seed and leaving the farmers the poor seed in the last pickings of inferior cotton for planting purposes. This has resulted in deteriorated plant, smaller bolls and shorter fiber, greatly reducing thereby the total yield in pounds per acre. There is need of more intelligence in the farming operations.

— The Durham *Herald* of Thursday says: The complaint in the case of Mr. B. L. Duke against his wife, Mrs. Minnie W. Duke, has been filed. The defendant is allowed until January 7 in which to file answer. In the complaint Mr. Duke goes a step further than was reported that he would and asks the court to set aside the right his wife has in any of his real estate, because she has abandoned him and now lives in California. Very able lawyers have been employed by both sides of this suit; Mr. Duke is represented by Judge R. W. Winston, Mr. V. S. Bryant, Mr. R. B. Boone, Mr. R. L. Fuller and Mr. Jones Fuller. Mrs. Duke is represented by Mr. James S. Manning and Mr. H. A. Foushee, of Durham, and a congressman from California. The case will be placed on docket at the January term of court.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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GERMAN GLEANINGS.

In the late Herr Krupp's model tenements at Essen suits are let at less than $1 per room per month.

Seventy poets of Germany have agreed with one another to sell no poem for less than 12 cents a line.

Berlin is to have a cremation association, the members of which pay 2½ cents a week, which pays for their incineration.

The new German customs tariff prescribes that on entering goods the importer shall make declaration as to the country of origin.

A total of 2,704 conscripts from Alsace-Lorraine have failed to join the colors and have been declared outlaws in consequence. All their property reverts to the crown.

In some parts of south Germany it is customary for friends of a departed person to gather and drink to excess at the expense of the survivors. An attempt is now being made to abolish the custom.

There is a great prejudice in Berlin against occupying houses bearing the number 13. One hundred and twenty-six corner houses that would have that number on one street are marked only in accordance with the numbers on the other street.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Red is in great vogue, especially in the summer millinery.

Pale gray shades in all the fashionable dress goods are leading favorites, as they are becoming to blonds and brunettes alike.

A lovely spring boa is made entirely of white silk poppies and finished with many loops and loose ends of inch wide taffeta ribbon.

Among all the elegant robes the most beautiful are the hand embroidered voile, but the machine embroidered white voile robes are smart and can be had at half the price.

Some smart corsages are made of white chiffon with stock collars and belts of black velvet and silver buckles. These are worn with black velvet or black silk skirts.

Rosettes and twisted rolls of silk, satin or velvet in a burned orange shading into a pale gold are used on the smartest hats and are especially attractive when combined with masses of small double roses in cream tints and ivory or yellow lace.—New York Tribune.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

Haricot beans soaked in water have been declared by a French government committee to be unfit for human food.

M. Edouard Detaille, the famous painter, has objected to the uniforms of the French army of the present day being exhibited in the Army museum on the ground that they are not artistic.

In Paris 887,000 live in houses officially classed as "containing insufficient space." The door and window tax is still unrepealed. In 1886 there were 219,000 houses in France without a single window.

Of 121,525 Parisian brides of the last decade 27,891 were under twenty years old, 61,370 were between twenty and thirty, 22,881 between thirty and forty, 7,316 between forty and fifty, 2,289 between fifty and sixty, while 578 were over sixty.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Lizzie A., the three-year-old daughter of Alfred G., has been purchased by James Gatcomb.

The roan pacing gelding Doctor L., 2:12½, by Ed Long, 19351, dam by Baker Pilot, 1782, is now owned in Brookline, Mass.

F. O. Stanard, Springfield, Ind., has purchased the chestnut gelding Chestnut, 2:07¼, pacing, by Glenarm, from L. H. Brown, Danville, Ind.

Time Piece, bay horse, record 2:10¼, pacing, by Mambritonian, 6059, dam Nerissa, by W. H. Maxwell, 2842, is now the property of G. A. Gregory, Sidney, N. Y.

The bay pacing mare Brookdale Girl, 2:19¼, by Captain Cook, dam May Queen, by Princeps, has been sold by S. K. Breesee, Syracuse, N. Y., to Boston parties.

Badly Behind Time.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "isn't it a pity that the morning newspapers are so much behind time?"

"In what respect?"

"Why, they never print the name of the winner of a horse race until the next day, when it is too late to bet."

Dissected.

Willie—Ma, can people leave parts of themselves in different places?

Ma—No. Don't be ridiculous.

Willie—Well, Mr. Jiggs said he was going to the Adirondacks for his lungs.

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Salary and Wages.

Daughter—Yes, pa, there are two young men who have asked me to marry, and both are nice fellows.

Father—And are both in a way to support you?

Daughter—I think so. Phil tells me he has a tidy salary, and George says he is receiving good wages.

Father—You choose George, and you will make no mistake, I think. At any rate, it's safer to marry a man who has wages than one who has a salary.—Boston Transcript.

He Saw the Finish.

Little Elmer while out walking with his nurse saw a blacksmith shoeing a horse and upon returning home said, "Mamma, I saw the man who makes horses today."

"Are you sure you did?" asked mamma.

"Of course I am," replied Elmer. "He had one nearly finished when I saw him. He was just nailing on its behind feet."—Chicago News.

His Trial.

"Ah, Sam, so you've been in trouble, eh?"

"Yes, Jim."

"Well, cheer up, man. Adversity tries us and shows up our better qualities."

"Ah, but adversity didn't try me. It was a solemn old judge, and he showed up my worst qualities."

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Highlander, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

British schooner Mabel Darling, 111 tons, Sweeting, Harbor Island, B W I, J A Springer & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 12.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Scarthoe, (Br) 2,535 tons, Hall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Mafflit.

Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Mafflit.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Mafflit.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—136 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—276 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—134 bales cotton, 20 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—215 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar.

Steamer Highlander—146 bales cotton.

Total—907 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 42 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

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WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 11.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	70
Tar	42
Crude turpentine	19

Receipts same day last year—31 casks spirits turpentine, 82 barrels rosin, 100 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—907 bales; same day last year, 1,290.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Money on call was firm at 5@6 per cent., closing bid 5 per cent., and offered at 6 per cent.; time loans easier; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.35@483.40 for demand and 479.90@480 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 480½@481 and 484@484½. Commercial bills 479¾@479¾. Bar silver 54¼. Mexican dollars 41. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¼; do. coupon, 107¼; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¾; do. coupons 133¾; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 115. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87⅝; Chesapeake & Ohio 34; Manhattan L 140½; New York Central 117⅞; Reading 43¾; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 59½; St. Paul 140¾; do. pref'd, 171¾; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 77; Amalgamated Copper 45¾; People's Gas 96⅛; Tennessee Coal and Iron 31; U. S. Leather 7¾; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75¾; Western Union 86⅝; U. S. Steel 10; do. preferred 52⅝; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 24¼; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 93; sales — shares. Standard Oil 668.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 11.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13 bid; do. preferred, 22¼ bid; do. bonds, fours, 72 bid. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 108 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $2 55. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 11.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 10; D, $2 10. E, $2 10; F, $2 10; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 70; N, $2 80; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 11.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts 467 casks; sales 392 casks; exports 100 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 3,297 barrels; sales 772 barrels; exports 4,406 barrels: Quote: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 20; E, $2 20; F, $2 20; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of ten to sixteen points, following higher Liverpool cables which encouraged future bull support and covering. For a time it continued firm with the active months right after the call showing net gains of fifteen to sixteen points, but this level attracted a renewal of bull pressure and liquidation and prices reacted as a result to a net gain of about seven to eleven points. Following this there was a period of narrow and irregular fluctuations, after which the market became very firm again, led by New Orleans where the bull leader was reported to be bidding for large blocks at an advanced price. The balance of the day showed an upward tendency. The tone was firm with the net advance a matter of nineteen to twenty-four points. Sales were 400,000 bales. According to the estimates showing apparently a subsiding tendency in the way of public speculation. The news of the day was more or less conflicting. Port receipts were heavier than last year's, but exports were fair and reports from the South reflected an indisposition among holders to accept any concession with official advces from the leading centers reporting firm markets at unchanged prices to one-eighth cent higher. Reports from the dry goods district were on the whole rather more encouraging, and it seems generally understood that there will be no immediate curtailment in manufacturing. The week end figures were about as expected and attracted little attention. Estimates for to-morrow's receipts at leading points were heavy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cotton quiet at 12.40c; net receipts 54 bales; gross receipts 2,777 bales; stock 66,919 bales.

Cotton futures market opened firm: December 11.95, January 12.10, February 12.25, March 12.23, April offered 12.43, May 12.40, June —, July 12.38, August 12.00.

Cotton futures market closed firm: December 12.07, January 12.18, February 12.38, March 12.43, April 12.45, May 12.50, June 12.47, July 12.43, August 12.14.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 15 points higher; middling uplands 12.40; middling gulf 12.65c; sales 1,707 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 47,764 bales; exports to Great Britain 629 bales; exports to France 3,500 bales; exports to the Continent 36,833 bales; Japan — bales; stock 917,480 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 325,470 bales; exports to Great Britain 45,760 bales; exports to France 19,845 bales; exports to the Continent 131,479 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,331,575 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,256,099 bales; exports to France 456 956 bales; exports to the Continent 1,276 810 bales.

Dec 11.—Galveston, firm at 12c, net receipts 15,238 bales; Norfolk, steady at 12 3-16c, net receipts 1 356 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 12.25c, net receipts 1,534 bales; Boston, quiet at 12 25, net receipts 59 bales; Wilmington, dull at 12c, net receipts 907 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 12.65c, net receipts 25 bales; Savannah, quiet and firm at 11¾c, net receipts 7,984 bales; New Orleans, steady at 12c, net receipts 12,787 bales; Mobile, firm at 11¾c, net receipts 1,592 bales; Memphis, steady at 13c, net receipts 2,828 bales; Augusta, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 3,609 bales; Charleston, firm at 11¾c, net receipts 1,601 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Flour was firmer and more active. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 90¾c. Options acted generally strong all day, being advanced by fresh buying attracted by the bullish crop report. Other buying motives were big flour clearances, small interior receipts, a bullish "Modern Miller" report and export gossip. The close was firm at ¾@¾c net advance: May closed 85¾; July closed 83¼c; December closed 90¾c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 53. Option market was active and higher until the last hour when realizing caused a set back. Receipts continued light and encouraged most of the early support. Finally the market yielded to realizing and closed partly ½c higher: May closed 49¼c; December 52c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 41¾c. Lard firm; refined firm; continent $7 20. Pork steady. Butter quiet; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@23c. Tallow firm. Cheese was easy; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 12@2 35. Cabbage firm; domestic, per 100 $6 00@10 00; per barrel $1 50@2 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 13c. Molasses firm. Sugar—Raw nominal; refined dull. Rice firm. Cotton seed oil was firm at old quotations, closing as follows: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 26@27; prime summer yellow 35@35¼c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37@38c; prime winter yellow 38@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Large clearances and a falling off in receipts everywhere caused strength in wheat today, May at one time showing a gain of 1¾c from the low point. A slight reaction occurred late in the day on realizing but closing prices were strong, May being up 1@1½c. May corn closed ½ higher, oats were up ½c and provisions from 9½ to 15c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Cash prices: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 78@82c; No 2 red 82½@84½c. Corn—No. 2 42¾; No. 2 yellow 44½c. Oats—No 2 35@35¼c; No. 3 white 35¼@37½c Rye—No. 2 51. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 50@11 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 47½@6 50. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 87½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 12½@6 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 80@80¾, 80¼, 79¾, 79¾c; May 81@81¾, 82¾, 81, 81¾@81¾c; July 76¾@77, 77¼, 76⅞, 77¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¾, 42¾, 41¾, 42¼c; May 43¼@43¾, 43¾, 43¾, 43¼@43¾; July 43¼@43¼, 43¾, 43¼, 43¼@43¼. Oats—No. 2 December 34¾@35, 35, 34¾, 34¾; May 36½@36½, 37, 36¼, 36⅞c; July 34, 34, 33¾, 34c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 27½, 11 45, 11 25, 11 32½; May $11 60, 11 80, 11 57½, 11 67½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 42½, 6 50, 6 42½, 6 47½; May $6 62½, 6 70, 6 60, 6 62½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 05, 6 17½, 6 05, 6 10; May $6 22½, 6 22½, 6 20, 6 27½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; mild firm. The market for coffee futures to-day opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points on bull support and further covering. Eventually prices eased off with French cables and realizing, the close being steady at a net decline of 5 @10 points. Sales 121,500 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices ten points higher; American middling fair 6.94d; good middling 6.78d; middling 6.68d; low middling 6.62d; good ordinary 6.52d; ordinary 6.32d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,400 bales American. Receipts 6,000 bales, including 4,700 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed very steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.60d; December and January 6.55d; January and February 6.50@6.51d; February and March 6.49d; March and April 6.47@6.48d; April and May 6.46@6 47d; May and June 6.45@6.46d; June and July 6.44d; July and August 6.41d; August and September 6.28d.

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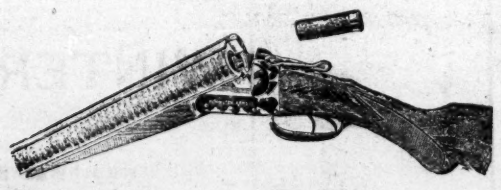

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BREVITIES

THE HALL OF FAME.

Edward Beaupre, a Canadian, at present a resident of Chicago, is so strong that he lately lifted a horse bodily off its legs.

Major Walter D. McCaw will represent the army at the international congress of hygiene and demonology in Brussels in September.

Miss Bessie Johnson, daughter of Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland, O., has been appointed probation officer of the children's court of her city.

Professor W. S. Jackson of the University of Chicago has been elected president of the National Society For the Scientific Study of Education.

Harrison Simrall, secretary of the board of education of Lexington, Ky., is in possession of a beautiful box of five razors that formerly belonged to Henry Clay.

The former home of General Philip H. Sheridan in Washington, which was presented to him by admirers throughout the country, has been sold by his widow, the price being $55,000.

The elevation of Sir George White to the rank of field marshal puts Ireland in the position of furnishing three field marshals out of nine to the British army, or four if the Duke of Connaught is included.

Emile Waldteufel, the waltz writer, though an old man of eighty, still composes a remarkable amount of dance music. Over 800 waltzes, polkas, mazurkas and other dances have been written and published by M. Waldteufel.

Charles F. Eaton, a noted handcraftsman in wood, leather and metal, has, near Santa Barbara, Cal., a tropical garden surrounded by a hundred live oaks and containing 3,000 rare palms and other plants. English ivy hangs in heavy strands from the oaks.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has just become a great-grandmother through the birth of a child to Mrs. Henry Marion Hall of East Orange, N. J. Mr. Hall is a son of Mrs. Florence Howe Hall of Plainfield. This is Mrs. Howe's first great-grandchild.

It was Pasteur, a French chemist, not a physician, who first revealed that disease was essentially a fermentation, like that of yeast, due to the presence of minute fungi, now known as bacteria. His dramatic cures of dreaded hydrophobia gave his discovery world-wide notoriety.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Moire parasols are in good form this year.

The newest skirts are round and the tailor made gown has no train.

Orchid mauve, sea green and tea rose pink are combined on spring hats just received from Paris.

The favorite hat is the flat, round shape raised from the head by a wreath of roses and trimmed outside with flowers and loops of ribbon.

The silk glove is being brought out for the summer in a sort of edition de luxe with decoration of exquisite embroidery and insets of finest lace.

Dresses of lace and net, both black and white, are made up without lining, thus enabling the owners to vary the color of the silk skirts to be worn beneath.

The basket woven wools in two color combinations are among the most attractive of the season's materials, particularly those in soft rose color mixed with stem green, champagne with sea green and blue with white and gun metal gray.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

George Ade's next piece will be "A Country Chairman."

Eugen Sandow is the highest salaried vaudeville artist in the world.

Samuel L. Studley, the Bostonians' leader, was educated for the ministry.

Hobart Bosworth has been engaged as leading man with Henrietta Crosman.

All arrangements have been completed for a summer in London for Williams and Walker.

Mrs. Langtry is engaged in writing a book dealing with the life and letters of the real Mlle. Mars.

Willie Collier's new play for next season is entitled "Personal." He will be managed by Weber & Fields.

Carroll Johnson has been signed by Lew Dockstader to join his all star minstrel organization for next season.

Miss Annie Irish will return from England in July to begin rehearsals for the part of Iras in "Ben-Hur," which will be revived at the New York theater in September.

APHORISMS.

Every man is the architect of his own character.—Boardman.

Selfishness is the root and source of all natural and moral evils.

The more we study the more we discover our ignorance.—Shelley.

Despondency is ingratitude; hope is God's worship.—H. W. Beecher.

Both man and womankind belie their nature when they are not kind.—Bailey.

We hand folks over to God's mercy and show none ourselves.—George Eliot.

There never was any heart truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassionate.—South.

The diligent fostering of a candid habit of mind, even in trifles, is a matter of high moment both to character and opinions.—Howson.

SHORT STORIES.

There are 95,000 regular physicians in the United States and 10,000 homeopaths and eclectics.

A Chicago bank has organized a fire drill for its employees, so that they may carry valuables to safe keeping at a given signal.

The post office department has decided to retire the new two cent postage stamp, giving a full face portrait of Washington, as soon as a suitable substitute can be prepared.

The famous Ward McAllister farm near Newport, R. I., where McAllister wrote the edition de luxe of "What I Know of Society," has been rented to Morgan Barry, an Irish farmer.

Thousands of tons of straw produced in raising flax for its seed in Minnesota and the Dakotas has hitherto been burned. It is now found to be valuable for making both binding twine and paper pulp.

The only novel ingredient in Boston brown bread is rye meal. This is an unbolted rye flour, formerly sold only in Boston and other New England towns, but it is now found in the large groceries in New York and other large cities.

Another literary landmark of Boston is soon to be torn down. The house in Boylston place where Motley wrote his histories is to give place to a tall office building. The Motley house has been occupied for twenty-five years by the Boston Library society.

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TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 3:15 a m, Pembroke 3:55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 4:50 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:03 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:42 p m, arrives Maxton 12:25 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 55 a m
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 35 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 35 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 35 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

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Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 26 a m	9 18 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 30 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	2 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	4 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 47 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 43 a m
Ar Weldon	9 45 p m	11 45 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 19 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa		10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

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Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

[Time] Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 57	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M, and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.40 P. M No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 12.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE IN SESSION.

Paid its Respects to President Roosevelt at the White House—Mark Hanna a Prominent Feature.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The National Republican Committee, presided by Senator M. A. Hanna, met at the Arlington hotel to-day for the purpose of deciding the time and place for the next National Republican Convention.

After a brief session, at which Senator Hanna congratulated the committee on its past achievements and predicted future success, the committee paid its respects to President Roosevelt at the White House. The exchange of greetings between the President and the committee was most cordial. A group picture of the committee was taken on the White House portico, in which the President and Senator Hanna occupied the foreground.

When Senator Hanna called the meeting to order he was greeted with a round of applause. He expressed briefly his thanks to the committee for the work in the campaign of 1900, saying: "All of interest to the Republican party that centers in this meeting can be told in one word, that is 'success.' And all that is necessary to bring about that result is to stand pat upon the principles and policies of that party."

A communication was read from the chairmen of the four congressional districts in Mississippi, asking that the call for the national committee be so worded that the delegates from that State can be elected according to law, which provides that delegates must be elected at State conventions instead of by districts.

A communication was received from F. P. Deas and others, of South Carolina, protesting against the appointment of Jno. G. Capers as a member of the national committee of that State. It asserted that Capers was not a resident of South Carolina. These communications and others of minor importance were referred to the executive session of the committee.

General C. R. Brayton, of Rhode Island, who had announced that he would present a resolution for revision on the basis of membership in the national convention, stated that on conferring with members since his arrival in Washington, he had decided not to bring up the question at this time.

St. Louis and Chicago, which seem to be the chief of the rival cities for the convention, are maintaining headquarters at the Arlington and will be given an opportunity to present their claims at the morning session to-morrow.

At the White House, after brief exchanges between the President and Senator Hanna, the President remarked, bowing to Senator Hanna: "I have sat at the feet of Gamaliel." He then passed around the room and shook the hand of each member. Secretary Heath did not accompany the committee to the White House.

TO WITHDRAW FROM CUBA.

Four Companies of U. S. Artillery Now Stationed at Havana and Santiago. One Company to Fort Caswell.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The joint army and navy board, which recently visited the United States naval stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, Cuba, has reported that it will be at least a year before either of these stations will be ready for a coast artillery force. In view of this report the War Department has determined to withdraw the artillery companies now at Havana and Santiago and keep them in the United States until such time as they are needed at the naval stations. The companies at Santiago are the 17th and 19th and at Havana the 20th and 22nd.

The reasons assigned by Lieutenant General Young, chief of staff, and by Major General Chaffee, his assistant, for bringing the four artillery companies to the United States are the condition of the water supply at Havana and Santiago, and the lack of appropriations for fortifications of the two naval stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda. General Chaffee, who was a member of the joint army and navy board which recently made a visit to Cuba on the Buffalo, emphatically denied the suggestion that Cuba might have indicated a wish for the recall of the troops.

Quartermaster General Humphrey is making preparations for bringing them back and will utilize the transport Sumner, now at New York, for this purpose. It is the present determination to have them leave Cuba within the next fifteen days. One of the companies will be sent to Fort Caswell, N. C., one to Fort Washington, Md., and two to Fort Barrancas, Fla.

THREE COMPANIES CHARTERED.

Stone and Construction Co., of Goldsboro. Live Stock Co., at Lillington, N. C.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11.—The East Carolina Stone and Construction Co., of Goldsboro, was chartered to-day, with $7,500 capital, to do all kinds of building and contract work. Among the subscribers to the stock are J. W. Edwards, W. A. J. Peacock, G. W. Prince, A. T. Griffin, W. H. Griffin, L. I. Moore and E. S. Edwards. The Pix Liniment Co., of Biscoe, is also chartered, with a capital of $10,000. J. R. Page, Frank Page and H. A. Page are among the incorporators. The company will manufacture the famous Pix Liniment. The Salmon Live Stock Co., of Lillington, Harnett county, is also given a charter, with $10,000 capital, to conduct a general live stock business. S. A. Salmon is the principal incorporator.

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CUBAN BILL AND PANAMA TREATY.

Subjects of Spirited Discussions Yesterday in the Senate and House of Representatives.

TILLMAN OFFERS RESOLUTION

That Judiciary Committee Make Inquiry Into the Recess Appointments Made by the President—Pension Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—There were two speeches in the Senate to-day on the Cuban reciprocity bill, one of them by a Democrat in support of the bill and the other by a Republican in opposition to it. The opposing speech was made by Mr. Bard, of California, who contended that the United States was under no obligation to give further aid to Cuba, especially when to do so we must pursue a course injurious to our own industries. Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, made his maiden speech in support of the bill, as in line with our past magnanimous course towards Cuba, and especially because he believed it to be a step towards tariff reform. He said that the protective policy of the United States already had brought about retaliation by Germany, and he predicted that other European nations, possibly including Great Britain, would soon follow the example set by that country.

Mr. Mallory interrupted Mr. McCreary to ask whether, in view of this disposition of foreign nations to retaliate, it was wise to enact a law which contains a provision precluding the possibility of tariff reductions for the next five years, to which Mr. McCreary replied by repealing his declaration that he desired to have that provision stricken out, but even if it remained in the bill he considered it an advance and would therefore vote for it.

Reviewing foreign tariff legislation, Mr. McCreary referred at some length to the agitation for a protective policy in Great Britain which, he said, had been induced by our own tariff policy. "If," he said, "under the able and accomplished Chamberlain a law should be enacted, the closing of the markets of that country by as high a tariff rate as our own, and if Great Britain should allow free trade with her colonies, it is not difficult to see what the result would be."

He closed with a declaration to the effect that the day has almost arrived when the nations of the world would cease to permit their markets to remain open to the United States while its markets are closed to them. He expressed the hope that the pending bill would receive in the Senate a vote relatively as nearly unanimous as that given it in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Teller asked Mr. McCreary if he thought it would ease the mind of Germany and other European countries, from which the United States buys sugar, to know that the United States had entered into an agreement with a country competing with them for a reduction of 20 per cent. on the rate on sugar, to which Mr. McCreary replied that he was for this bill because it makes a breach in the tariff wall.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

Gen. Wood's Appointment.

Senator Tillman to-day introduced a resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary to make inquiry into the question of what constitutes recess appointments by the President. The resolution bears upon the claim that the pending nominations of General Wood and others similarly situated are recess appointments. The preamble quotes portions of the constitution of the United States bearing on the subject and continues as follows:

"WHEREAS, It is known that certain officers appointed during the recess of Congress from March 4th last to November 9th and whose appointments were not confirmed by the Senate are now in possession of and exercising the powers and functions of said offices; be it

"*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee of the Senate be and it is hereby authorized and instructed to report to the Senate: First, what constitutes a recess of the Senate; and what are the powers and limitations of the executive in making appointments in such cases. Second, what legislation is necessary to prevent the holding of an office by any person or persons whose commissions issue or are held by executive exercise of unlawful authority if any there be."

House of Representatives.

The birth of the republic of Panama and its recognition by this government was the subject of a spirited debate in the House to-day. Mr. Dinsmore, Democrat, of Arkansas, during the consideration of the pension appropriation bill severely criticised the administration in connection with the canal and Mr. Hitt, Republican, of Illinois, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, replied in a vigorous defence of the President and his Central American policy. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, replied to Mr. Hitt, declaring that the minority did not condone the part taken by this government in connection with Panama affairs.

Nearly the whole of the four hours session was taken up in a discussion of the Isthmian question. No conclusion was reached on the pension bill.

Mr. Dinsmore said the Panama republic had been established and that it exists by the power of the United States, and that without that power it could not exist. Nothing had, he said, been gained that could not have been gained in a straightforward and honorable way. Mr. Dinsmore declared that the President had set himself above the law, and he criticised the hasty recognition of the republic of Panama. He said that Secretary Hay had learned statecraft at the feet of Abraham Lincoln, and referred to the attitude of the government in 1860, toward the question of recognition, saying that Mr. Hay now takes a different view of that question.

Mr. Hitt, Republican, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Dinsmore, said he was astonished at the remarks of the gentleman from Arkansas, saying such attacks on the government would not be made by any foreigners in discussing its action.

Mr. Dinsmore disavowed any purpose to impute dishonorable or improper motives to the officers of the government.

Mr. Hitt said there was nothing hasty or unique in the recognition of the new republic, as it occurred five days after the promulgation of the independence of the republic.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, asked if this was not the first time in South American history "that the other fellow had been prevented from shooting back?"

Mr. Hitt replied that the troops could be sent to Colon only to interfere with traffic on the isthmus, and that the United States is under obligation to prevent interruption of this traffic.

Mr. Hitt made a vigorous defence of the administration in connection with the republic of Panama, his reference to the President bringing out loud applause on the Republican side.

Mr. Hitt, answering the charge that the President had been precipitate, said the President had waited a reasonable time, but he added, "he did not waste time—he never does." This utterance was loudly applauded on the Republican side.

"Ordinarily," Mr. Hitt said, "when a ship is in port and a disturbance or insurrection occurs we land troops to protect Americans from being killed or robbed. We have done that in France and we would do it anywhere. "In the case of Panama our situation was different from that of any spot on earth. We had a solemn and binding engagement which had been impressed upon us by all the years. Often we were called upon by the Colombian government, oftener by events, to enforce the obligation to keep that path open from sea to sea; not to aid nor suppress rebellion, but to keep the path open, and when we landed troops at Colon, when the ships came to Panama with more of the marines their duty under the treaty was plain to let no armed men or cause of any kind disturb the open, free course of commerce or of movement in the pathway across the isthmus. (Applause on Republican side.)

"Now, it so happened in the course of human events, which we do not guide but which it is believed by many an all-wise providence watches and directs, that in this case our duty in good faith to keep that highway open, fell in with and brought out a consequence which was grave to Colombia. She has invoked that interference before, but it so happened that always heretofore it inured to her benefit. In this case that which we have done we did for a motive of the highest obligation of national faith."

Mr. Hitt said the people of Colombia thought the United States were so bent on having a canal on the isthmus that the game was easy. They had ten millions, but twenty would be better, and Colombian papers had urged those charged with power to hold out for great sums of Yankee money.

The whole world, he said, had been in favor of a canal, and, added Mr. Hitt, "we have got a man to work on it who will soon cut it through."

This was loudly cheered by the Republicans.

Mr. Williams, interrupting, said he wanted to take the burden of saying yes to the question as to whether the government had been virtually guilty of moral obliquity in its international relations in its action concerning the republic of Panama.

Mr. Hitt, referring to the action at Bogota said the President "would not submit to the blackmail that was tried to be imposed upon the people of the United States, owing to the rapacity of a band of men who abused their authority. It is not in the spirit of our people. When the open hand of bounty is met by the clinched fist of malice and greed the Yankee knows how to stop that business."

Mr. Williams, minority leader, following, charged that this was the first time that this government had interfered in the domestic affairs of a South American country. The Democrats want a canal, he said. They wanted the Nicaraguan canal, but if they could not get the canal where they thought it ought to be, they would take it where they could get it and take it as they might get it. He thought possibly the Nicaraguan route was regarded as too great a competitor of the transcontinental railways.

He said the Democrats are not proud of the part this government has taken, but they must recognize a fact as a fact.

Mr. Williams said that virtually it had been confessed that if "Colombia dares land a soldier in the new born republic of Panama—new-born with the birth foreseen and aided, as I believe, aided from Paris and aided from Washington—the United States will treat it as an act of war.

"If the Democratic party and a few Republicans had not hedged up and bound this government in the two clauses which compel us to give Cuba her freedom and independence, you would have treated Cuba as you treated the Philippines. As to the new republic of Panama, I am satisfied that the most deliberate, long-reviewed, well thought out project ever completed or ever thought of since the world began, is the birth of Panama and our connection with it."

The House adjourned until Monday.

ALEXANDRETTA AFFAIR.

Explanation Filed by the Turkish Minister at State Department.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister here, to-day filed with the State Department an explanation from the minister for foreign affairs of Turkey of the Alexandretta affair, stating in effect that United States Consul Davis sought to procure the illegal immigration of a Turkish subject and failing in this attacked and beat the Turkish police and then took the steamer.

The State Department has had partial advices from Minister Leishman and is awaiting the completion of his investigation.

WARM WIRELETS

Senator Gorman has called a conference of the Democratic senators to be held to-day for the purpose of determining upon a policy concerning the Cuban reciprocity bill.

The State Department yesterday received a cablegram from Consul General Gudger at Panama, announcing that the Colombian expedition to Panama, according to his information, had been abandoned.

Senator Hanna has decided to request the Senate Committee on Military Affairs to subpœna General Wood to answer some of the charges made against him by opponents of his confirmation as Major General.

An imperial grant in aid of cotton growing in British West Africa will be proposed during the coming session of the British Parliament, and it is understood that the suggestion has been favorably received by the government departments concerned.

Albert Thompson shot and seriously wounded Albert Dearman in a gambling room in Spartanburg, S. C., last night. Thompson went to his home, where he was arrested an hour later and lodged in jail to await developments.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The STAR is requested to acknowledge the following contributions for the relief of Mr. Josiah Vincent, who is reported to be in needy circumstances at his home on Second, between Church and Castle streets:

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MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS REPORTED

Rumor at Panama That a Small Body Had Landed to March to the Isthmus.

U. S. FORCE TO BE INCREASED

Advices from Colon—Colombia Troops on the Atrato River Withdrawn—Other Forces Returned to Bogota, It is Believed by Reyes' Order.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass saying a rumor has reached Panama that a small body of Colombian troops has landed on Colombian territory with a view to marching overland to the isthmus. Rear Admiral Glass has been unable to confirm the rumor.

Information has reached the Navy Department to the effect that the Colombian troops which were said to have landed at the mouth of the Atrato river to march on the isthmus, have been withdrawn.

It is the intention of the Navy Department to increase its force in isthmian waters by the addition of a torpedo boat destroyer which will act as a dispatch boat.

COLON, Dec. 11.—The French steamer Fournel arrived here to-day from Savanilla and Cartegena. She was the first vessel to reach port since the decree closing these ports to vessels and to Colon was cancelled. The authorities of the department of Bolivar are still unreconciled to the loss of the isthmus which they do not regard as hopeless, as they issue clearance papers not for the republic of Panama but for "Colon, Department DePanama."

The Fournel's agent has received no confirmation of the movements of Colombian troops on the Atrato river, but a passenger of the Fournel informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that a rumor was current at Cartagena that the cruiser Cartagena, about ten days ago, embarked at night time over a thousand troops bound for the Gulf of Darien.

Governor Melendez, in an interview to-day, said:

"I have just learned unofficially, through passengers of the Fournel, that the Colombian warships General Pinzon and Cartegena left Cartegena at the beginning of December, having on board the same 450 troops which General Tovar brought to Colon. These were landed at the Rio Atrato with instructions to build a road towards Panama. But after terrible suffering for four days, in their efforts to go up the river in small boats and canoes, and being in want of provisions of all kinds, their supplies having been soaked with water and completely spoiled, the troops resolved not to go any further. The passengers also affirm the troops have since returned to Cartegena."

News has been received here from the interior to the effect that 4,000 Colombian troops left Bogota a fortnight ago to go down the Magdalene river, but on reaching Honda they received orders countermanding the movement and returned to Bogota December 3.

It is believed that General Reyes is responsible for the countermanding of the order.

COLON, Dec. 11.—Admiral Coghlan has received a letter from Luther F. Ellsworth, United States consul at Cartagena, which says that the Colombian warship Cartagena left Cartagena early in December carrying about 600 soldiers, its destination being the Atrato river district. The contents of the letter, which give no details of the movement, have been transmitted to the Washington government.

The Mayflower, which left in a southeastward direction yesterday, will join the Atlanta and both vessels will proceed to the Gulf of Darien for the purpose of obtaining definite information as to what is happening there. The Mayflower will return immediately and report to Admiral Coghlan.

Injunction Continued.

J. O. Carr, Esq., returned last night from Clinton, N. C., where had been to argue before Judge W. A. Hoke, holding a special term of Sampson Superior Court, an injunction brought by certain citizens of Wallace, N. C., forbidding the authorities to levy a tax and build a graded school in that town. The injunction was continued to be heard some time during the holidays by Judge Oliver H. Allen. C. D. Weeks and R. G. Grady, Esqs., of this city, who are also employed in the case, remained in Clinton.

Joe Kirkham in Trouble.

Joe Kirkham, a well known young white man of the city, was right up against hard luck in the Mayor's court yesterday. Thursday night early he was arrested at Seventh and Castle streets by Policeman Frank George for disorderly conduct and was fined $10 and costs for that. Then he was immediately tried for the additional offence of resisting an officer and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of $50 justified, which he had not given at last accounts.

The Independent Tobacco Manufacturers' Association has elected the following officers: John Landstreet, Richmond, Va., president; H. F. Miller, Philadelphia, vice president; Walter J. Friedlander, Cincinnati, secretary; Adolph Osterlich, Richmond, Va., treasurer.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching at both services by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to all services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. C. W. Trawick pastor, services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Men's prayer meeting at 10:30 A. M. sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Morning prayer and address, 11 A. M. evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Young Men's meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

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$2.75 Hats for $1.50; $4.00 Velvet Hats for $1.48; Misses' $1.87 Hats $1.25; 88c Imitation Beaver Hat 48c; $1.50 Trimmed Hat 65c.

Just received a new lot fine Kid Gloves, worth $1, $1.25, $1.50 for 69c. Large Lace Collars 50c, $1, $1.75, $2.50; they are one-third less than you can get them elsewhere.

A big lot Facinators, Shawls and Cloaks for Children and Ladies at all prices. Fine lot long Silk Coats. Sweaters $1.98. Furs at half price. Silk Mufflers for Holidays. All styles of Silk, Flannel and Cotton Waists.

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New Boarding House—For substantial home-like living in true American style, go to the Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 10 4t*

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

Change of schedule—On and after Monday, December 14th, the car heretofore leaving Ocean View at 5 P. M. will leave at 4:45 P. M. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. dec 13 2t

Cook with gas—Clean, cheap, quiet. So convenient, too, when the cook fails to come. dec 13 1t

Lost—Yesterday afternoon on Fifth, between Princess and Nun streets, brown alligator hand purse, containing some money, keys and paper. Finder please telephone No. 312. dec 13 1t.

Regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., will be held to-night at 8 o'clock at W. L. I. Armory. Full attendance desired. By order of Commander W. J. Woodward. A. L. DeRosset, adjutant. dec 11 1t

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seiter, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

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Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. je 30 tf

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California 3-crown Raisins.
Mixed Nuts.
618 gross Matches, all kinds.
700 sacks Va. Water Ground Meal.
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Ones and Their Fathers and Mothers.

Considering the list of presents and toys we carry, we would like to impress the people with the fact that we carry something to please all. Mothers making out their list of holiday gifts would do well to remember that Santa Claus makes his headquarters with us. We have been working hard this week to make room in our big store to show our goods. We have succeeded and now we have them on exhibition. As to the line of dolls we carry, we feel sure we will save you money and give you a chance to select from the largest stock in the city. To describe our dolls we have not the room, but will say that we can please even the most fastidious. Our prices for handsome dolls are from 50c. up to $6 each. Our $1, $1.50, and $2 dolls are hand made and of the very best work. We also have a very large line for the wholesale trade as well as the retail trade in the cheap line. Strong numbers from 10c up, and our 25c dolls are extra values. Our 50c line is the very best we have ever had. We have about 200 dolls on hand that were left from last year which we will sell at just half price—a 50c doll for 25c, a 25c doll for 13c, a 10c doll for 5c. In toys we have every class of goods—children's go-carts from 25c to $3 98 and carriages from 25c to $3, wagons from 10c up to $4.50, velocipedes from $1.50 to $3.50.

Books.

In this line of goods we have just received 150 new novels, all cloth bound and splendid print; all representing standard works. We will sell on Monday our 25c books for 9c each, only one to a customer. In toy books, Christmas cards and calendars, we are huddling Raphael Tuck's line known the world over as the best there is in it. We sell children's books from 5c to $1.25. Christmas cards from 1c up to 25c; calendars from 5c up to 75c each. Our books are all on display and we will be glad to have you look them over. We have a full supply of horses, mechanical toys, guns and toys of all kinds for the boys.

Fireworks.

In this line of goods we will be glad to sell you for Christmas display, and will give you special prices on quantities. If you are thinking of buying fireworks of any kind, we will like to say that we will have lots of them to sell, and we will sell them cheap.

Ladies' Cloaks.

We are expecting in Monday a big shipment of new cloaks. Our trade in this department has been phenomenal, never half so good before. We have lots of them on hand now that we are selling from $3 75 up to $12.50 each. Our $4, $5, $6 and $7 cloaks are new and stylish and the prices are right. If you give them a look you will be sure to buy. In our line of Military Cloaks we have had to make three additional orders by express this week. They seem to be what the ladies want, as they can easily recognize the style and value. The prices are from $7.50, $9, $10 and $12.50 each.

Children's Cloaks.

We are selling lots of children's Cloaks. In buying this Fall we were very liberal and bought a great many and we must sell them, and for the next three weeks we will make special prices and offer a rebate of 10 per cent. on children's and infant's small and long Cloaks; ages from one to five years old.

Furs.

For a Christmas present there is hardly anything nicer than a Fur Collarette and they are sure to please the ladies. We have them at all prices, from $1 to $15 each. Our $3 50 to $5 Furs are beauties and ladies always appreciate a good Fur. We have a great many to show and can suit you as to price and quality.

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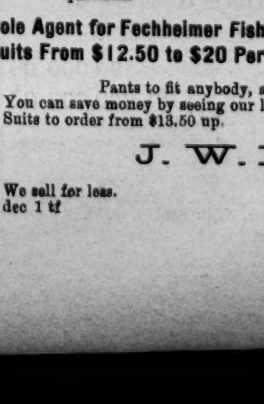

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Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903 (Began Business March 16t, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,992 44	Capital	$ 50,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350 00 00	Surplus and net profits	104,868 80
Bank Building	25,800 00	Circulation	2 0.60 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 0 34	Deposits	1,027,149 98
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Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,808 86. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,027,149 98.

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